

July 12, 2000

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 7:10 p.m. in the meeting room at the Torrance Community Television Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Cahill, Craft, Mikulicich, Stadler, Haussmann and Chair Tsao

Also Present: Michael D. Smith, Cable Television Administrator
Mary, Secretary

Absent: Commissioner Kaur (Excused)
Paul Fornelli, Coordinator (Excused)

3. FLAG SALUTE

Led by Commissioner Haussmann

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

MOTION: *Commissioner Haussmann moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Craft, carried with an aye vote.*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *Commissioner Craft moved to accept the minutes for the June 2000 meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Haussmann, carried with an aye vote.*

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

a) **Community Matters – NONE**

b) **Committee Reports**

i) **Producer Incentive**

Administrator reported per a phone call from Commissioner Kaur, there would be a Producer Get-together on August 11, 2000. A program will be taped in the TCTV Studio with the assistance of Tina Pederson, who will write the script. In addition, Tina will be seeking a guest to speak on social work.

MOTION: *Commissioner Craft moved to accept the Producer Incentive Committee Report. This Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cahill, carried with an aye vote.*

ii) **Franchise Renewal – NONE**

iii) **Operating Policies and Procedures– NONE**

c) **Report of Community Television Center – June, 2000**

Administrator Smith gave a brief summary of the report submitted by Coordinator Fornelli. Administrator Smith announced that Coordinator Fornelli is attending the Alliance for Community Media National conference in Tucson, Arizona.

MOTION: *Commissioner Stadler moved to accept the Report of Community Television report for June, 2000. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Cahill, carried with an aye vote.*

d) **Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities –June, 2000**

Administrator Smith reported that DirecTV is posting record sales, adding 142,000 new subscribers.

It was reported that RespondTV has cut a deal with AT&T.

In addition, Southwestern Bell Communications has put a promotional package together with Compaq Computer and Prodigy Service.

Administrator Smith reported that Adelphia is ready to test their Internet Service Provider technology.

It was reported that [Excite@Home](#) launched their VOD (Video On Demand) service.

Administrator Smith also reported that Roadrunner (TWC's high-speed Internet service) is offering to provide a promotional give-away to their millionth customers in each of their 44 markets. They will give one year free service to Roadrunner a \$10,000.00 donation to the charity of their choice, and a weekend for two in San Francisco.

Administrator Smith reported that the United States Court of Appeals sided with AT&T in saying that the City does not have the authority to require Open Access on their platform because it is a Telecom service, not a cable service. If this ruling is upheld, cities will not be able to receive franchise fees for that portion of their operation, which could result in the loss of millions of dollars to cities across the country. Discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Activities Report for June, 2000. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Craft, carried with an aye vote.*

e) Old Business - NONE

f) New Business

i) Appointment of Producer Incentive Committee member.

Chair Tsao appointed Commissioner Cahill to the Producer Incentive Committee for FY 2000/2001.

MOTION: *Commissioner Mikulicich made a motion to confirm the appointment of Commissioner Cahill. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Craft, carried with an aye vote.*

12. ADDENDUM MATTERS - None

13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 13a. Administrator Smith reminded the Board that they were all invited to attend the screening of the Madrona Marsh documentary on Tuesday, July 18, 2000.
- 13b. Administrator Smith announced that the City Council approved a bid for two CitiCABLE purchases: One is a graphics workstation, as well as a non-linear editing system.
- 13c. Commissioner Haussmann inquired of Administrator Smith if there were going to be enough people producing this year in order to hold the Awards, Administrator Smith responded its too early to tell, but looking at the programming report most likely.
- 13d. Commissioner Haussmann wished to recognize the birthdays of George Eastman, George Washington Carver and Oscar Hammerstein.
- 13e. Commissioner Stadler asked when CitiCABLE was moving to Channel 3, Administrator Smith responded approximately in October/November.
- 13f. Chair Tsao announced the Torrance Air Fair, which will be held Saturday, July 15, 2000.
- 13g. Chair Tsao reminded everybody that there would be no meeting in August, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Tsao adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m., to reconvene on Wednesday, September 13, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith
Cable Television Administrator

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Roll Call: Cahill ☐ Craft ☐ Kaur ☐ Mikulicich, Jr. ☐ Stadler ☐ Haussmann ☐ Tsao ☐